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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BURG ET AL.

Examiner

Gerald Gauthier

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are rejected..
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. **Claim(s) 1-21, 23-48** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bremer et al. (US 5,719,922).

Regarding **claim(s) 1 and 11**, Bremer discloses a method of storing and retrieving voice-messages with attachments (FIG. 1 and column 1, lines 8-10), said method comprising the steps of:

receiving at a receiver of the called party a voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 6, lines 60-67);

receiving at a receiver of the called party a location of an attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 7, lines 11-17); and

storing at a receiver of the called party the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 8, lines 36-46), providing access for the called party to the voice-mail message, detecting by the called party the attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 9, lines 9-14); and

providing access for the called party to the attachment to the voice-mail message, wherein the attachment is separate from the voice-mail message and the step of providing access for the called party to the voice-mail message is separate from the step of providing access for the called party to the attachment to the voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 9, lines 14-29).

Regarding **claim(s) 2, 12 and 23**, Bremer discloses after the step of receiving the voice-mail message, the method comprises the further step of issuing a prompt to leave the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 3 and 14 and 36**, Bremer discloses the step of receiving the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes verbally receiving the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 4 and 15**, Bremer discloses the step of receiving the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes receiving the location via a keypad (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 5, 16 and 32**, Bremer discloses the keypad includes any one of a mobile terminal keypad, a computer keyboard or a terminal touch screen (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 6, 17 and 25**, Bremer discloses the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes a uniform resource identifier (column 11, lines 22-36).

Regarding **claim(s) 7 and 18**, Bremer discloses the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes an address on a public network (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 8, 19 and 45**, Bremer discloses the location of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes an address on a private network (column 8, lines 14-35).

Regarding **claim(s) 9, 20, 24, 33, 35, 37 and 44**, Bremer discloses after the step of receiving a location of the attachment to the voice-mail message, the method comprises the further step of determining a content-type of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 10, 21, 26, 34, 36 and 40**, Bremer discloses the determined content-type of the attachment to the voice-mail message includes at least one of text, audio, graphics and video (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 13, 27, 38 and 39**, Bremer discloses the step of receiving the attachment to the voice-mail message includes the sub-steps of: receiving a location of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 8, lines 36-46); and
retrieving the attachment to the voice-mail message from the received location (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 28**, Bremer discloses the step of providing access to the attachment to the voice-mail message comprises the sub-step of playing the attachment without requiring a proceed-to-play indication from the user (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 29**, Bremer discloses the step of receiving the indication that access to the attachment is desired includes receiving an authorized security credential (column 8, lines 47-61).

Regarding **claim(s) 30**, Bremer discloses the step of receiving an authorized security credential includes verbally receiving an authorized security credential (column 8, lines 47-61).

Regarding **claim(s) 31**, Bremer discloses the step of receiving an authorized security credential includes receiving an authorized security credential that is entered by a keypad (column 8, lines 47-61).

Regarding **claim(s) 41**, Bremer discloses the step of providing access to the portions of the compound document that may be rendered in audio form includes the sub-steps of: identifying portions of the compound document that represent textual information (column 8, lines 47-61);

converting the portions of the compound document identified as representing textual information into audio form (column 8, lines 47-61); and

providing audio playback of the converted portions (column 8, lines 47-61).

Regarding **claim(s) 42**, Bremer discloses the step of providing access to the portions of the compound document that may be rendered in audio form includes the sub-steps of: identifying portions of the compound document that are in audio form (column 8, lines 36-46); and

providing audio playback of the portions of the compound document identified as being in audio form (column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 43**, Bremer discloses the step of providing access to the attachment to the voice-mail system includes the sub-steps of: prompting the called party to input commands to select specified portions of the attachment for retrieval (column 8, lines 47-61);

receiving the commands for the specified portions of the attachment (column 8, lines 47-61); and

playing back the selected portions of the attachment to the voice-mail message (column 8, lines 47-61).

Regarding **claim(s) 46 and 47**, Bremer discloses all the limitations of **claim(s) 46 and 47** as stated in **claim(s) 1**'s rejection above and furthermore Bremer discloses issuing a prompt for an attachment to a voice-mail message (FIG. 5 and column 8, lines 36-46).

Regarding **claim(s) 48**, Bremer discloses a method, wherein the content of the attachment is located remotely from the receiver of the called party (column 8, lines 47-61).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to **claim(s) 1-21, 23-48** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerald Gauthier whose telephone number is (571) 272-7539. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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